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Instructional Strategies to Improve Student Achievement

Winter 11 Professional Development
College of Mount St. Vincent

Building Professional Learning Communities to Improve Student Learning

This course will have two goals: to facilitate Professional Learning Communities (PLC) in our schools through the habits of successful thinking and assist participants in creating classrooms responsive to the needs of all students. These two goals will allow participants to grow professionally and push students beyond independence levels. By developing habits of thinking and collaborative communication skills with colleagues, participants will develop strategies to make their schools better learning communities and to make their classrooms more responsive to the needs of all learners. We will utilize the book "How Full is your Bucket", by Tom Rath and Donald O. Clifton as the conceptual framework. The book "reveals how even the briefest interactions affect your relationships, productivity, health and longevity." Effective schools explicitly develop the skills and strategies of collegiality amongst staff members. Effective teachers have a profound impact upon student learning. Therefore, participants will develop thinking and communication skills to make them more effective teachers; improving their responsiveness in the classroom. Additional required reading: "Beyond Discipline: From Compliance to Community", by Alfie Kohn. Course requires 27 hours face-to-face and 18 hours online coursework/fieldwork. NYS Learning Standard: CDOS.

College of Mount Saint Vincent Course # CEGE605-R01 - RTC#69-22

Format: Hybrid Course - 27 hours face-to-face and 18 hours online and fieldwork

Site: North Rockland High School

Instructor: Dr. Michael Gill

Credits: 3 Graduate or In-service

Dates: Fri./Sat., Jan. 28, 29, Feb. 4, 5, 11, 12, 2011

Times: Fri., 4:30-7:30 pm; Sat., 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Cost: Graduate: \$625/In-service: \$450/Prof. Dev. Audit Non-Credit: \$150

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